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Statement on Closing of Merit Gear in Antigo

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Madison- Late Friday afternoon, Rexnord Corporation announced it would be closing the Merit Gear manufacturing facility in Antigo. The information at this time indicates that 80 employees will be affected by this closure.

Rep. Felzkowski (R-Irma) and Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Minocqua) expressed: “We are disappointed in Rexnord’s decision to close Merit Gear, which has been a staple of the Antigo business community since 1952. Our thoughts are with the hard-working employees who now find themselves in an extremely difficult situation. This uncertainty is stressful for these families, and we must come together to take care of our neighbors.”

“Our priority will be in assisting our constituents during their job transition period in any way we can. We have sent a letter to Governor Evers and the Department of Workforce Development requesting that all resources within the administration are deployed to assist impacted employees and the community.”

“We intend to work with local officials and economic development agencies to assist in facilitating this process to ensure it is as painless as possible for everyone affected. Please reach out to our offices and we will connect you with the resources you need.”

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